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OF THE

FULLER FAMILIES

DESCENDING FROM

ROBERT FULLER

OF

SALEM AND REHOBOTH, MASS.

Newton Fuller

1638.

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PREFACE.

Early in the sixties, circumstances gave me the consciousness, that our American people were too unconscious and too negligent of their predecessors, from whom have emanated nearly all the social, civil and religious advantages, in which our American citizens outrank the world, standing preeminent in consequent of inherited blessings and blood of an ancestry, the like of which has no historic parallel.

These patriotic emotions stirred within me the purpose to know in fact and deed the "Abrahams, and Isaacs, and Jacobs," constituting my own ancestry, and to render them a suitable memorial and respect not found in the moss-covered marble and granite, which recognize their death, rather than their glorious lives and the inherited blessings transferred to their posterity.

The magnitude of the enterprise of historic consolidation and reuniting in family oneness, the thousands scattered over the continent, during successive generations, surpassed greatly the incipient conception of the work, both in its labor and outlay, but, an ever increasing evidence of its real worth, and the philanthropic spirit engendered by the effort, has given quite satisfactory results.

Hoping and trusting that this exhibit of worthy and ennobled fathers, will inspire in their children, higher and grander purposes, in the accomplishment of true and successful life, gives the writer assurance that the efforts will prove a benefit and blessing to multitudes.

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ROBERT FULLER, of Salem, Mass., according to the best evidence at our command, came from Southampton, England, in ship Bevis in the year 1638.

He was progenitor of many Fuller families of New England, and was one of eight early settlers of America by the name of Fuller who are

ANCESTRAL HEADS

of a large and worthy progeny, wide-spread over the United States and in Canada.

To ascertain the special consanguinity of these eight ancestral Fullers would necessitate a research in the records of England. Dr. Samuel and Edward of the "May flower" were brothers, and the ethnological evidences forcibly favor a common origin not very far remote.

The eight ancestral Fullers are:—

DR. SAMUEL, and his brother Edward, of the Mayflower, 1620.
JOHN, of Ipswich, Mass., and William, of Hampton, N. H., who came in 1634.
THOMAS, of Dedham, and John, of Newton, Mass., who came in 1635.
ROBERT, of Salem, and Thomas, of Woburn, Mass., who came in 1638.
ROBERT, of Dorchester, afterward of Dedham, Mass., who came in 1640.

William, of Hampton, N. H., left no children, his property was inherited by the children of his brother John, of Ipswich. The numerous descendants of the eight ancestral heads are found, almost universally, to exhibit an intelligence, a high moral tone, a spirit of thrifty independence and enterprise, which has marked them as worthy sons of their pilgrim fathers, whose high toned principles were ever regarded as dearer than life itself.

Ancestral ROBERT FULLER made his early residence in Salem, Mass. He purchased or held rights in land in Rehoboth in 1645 but remained in Salem, as shown by deeds in which he signs himself as "bricklayer of Salem," until about 1668, when a division of land was made in Rehoboth and a settlement established.

In 1676 the Indians attacked Rehoboth and burned the houses of the settlement. Robert Fuller having lost his wife and two sons and home returned to Salem, where he remained until 1696, having in the meantime married his second wife, Widow Margaret Waller, with whom he again settled in Rehoboth in 1696, and where he died May 10, 1706.

ROBERT FULLER was a man of means in money and estate, holding extensive tracts of land in Rehoboth, Attleboro, Seekonk, and on the Pawtucket river, that in Attleboro he held jointly with his oldest son, Jonathan. He was one of the first proprietors in Rehoboth and drew shares in the general divisions of land in 1661 and 1668. He is found on the list of owners as early as 1645 at a value of £150—paid a tax of £4 10s. 3d. for the expense of King Phillip's war in 1676. He was the first and only bricklayer in New England for many years.

His family record, as nearly as can be obtained, is as follows:

1. ROBERT FULLER, born in England; came to America in ship Bevis, 1638; lived in Salem and Rehoboth, Mass.; m. Sarah, she died Oct. 14, 1676; m. Margaret Waller, she died Jan. 30, 1700.

Children:

2. JONATHAN, b. about 1640; m. Elizabeth Wilmarth, Dec. 14, 1664.
3. ELIZABETH, b. about 1645; m. { Nehemiah Sabin, Aug. 4, 1672. / Eleazer Wheelock, April 17, 1678.
4. JOHN, b. about 1647; m. Abagail Titus, April 25, 1673.
5. SAMUEL, b. about 1649; m. Mary Ide, Dec. 12, 1673.
6. ABIGAIL, b. about 1653; m. Thomas Cushman, Oct. 16, 1679.
7. BENJAMIN, b. about 1657; m. Mary, 1685. m. Judith Smith, Jan. 23, 1698.

JONATHAN lived and died in Attleboro. Three of his sons settled in the towns of Windham, Coventry and Ashford, Conn.

JOHN and SAMUEL who died in King Phillip's war, 1676, left each a son, who were brought up and provided for by their grandfather, Robert.

BENJAMIN lived in Salem, afterwards in Rehoboth, where he died Jan. 11, 1711. He had six sons, five of whom settled in Lebanon, Conn., three of whom died there, and two removed to western towns in Conn.

ELIZABETH's first husband, Nehemiah Sabin, was slain by the Indians, 1676, leaving children Elizabeth and David. She had several children by her second husband, Eleazer Wheelock, of Medfield, Mass. Their grandson, Rev. Eleazer Wheelock, D. D., was the founder and first President of Dartmouth College, Hanover, N. H. Dr. Wheelock was a man whose life work was unusually filled with original tact and philanthropy.

ABIGAIL, m. Thomas Cushman, (son of Rev. Thomas and Mary (Allerton), she came in the Mayflower with her father, Isaac. Rev. Thomas Cushman when a boy of fourteen, came with his father Robert, in the ship Fortune, 1621.)

Children—Job, Bartholomew, Samuel, Benjamin.

ROBERT FULLER's descendants in the fourth generation numbered nearly 150 persons residing in the states of Massachusetts, Connecticut, Rhode Island and New York; and were it possible to enumerate the eighth generation from this single parent stock, it would seem almost beyond belief, yet it would give a realizing sense of the possibilities of the minute events of our lives.

2. JONATHAN FULLER, (2) oldest son of ancestral Robert (1) and Sarah, born in Salem, Mass., about 1640.

He lived in Attleboro, Mass., where he held land jointly with his father Robert. (1) drawing his shares in the general divisions of land made to the first settlers in 1661 and 1668.

In the Indian war of 1675-76, Attleboro seems to have escaped the ravages and destruction that Rehoboth and other places suffered, so that Jonathan and family remained in their home, while other living members of Robert's family removed to Salem.

Jonathan was selectman of Attleboro, and in his public and private life he bears the repute of being a leading influential citizen, his large family of children. all give evidence of inheriting the staid and high toned characteristics of their parents.

JONATHAN FULLER died Feb. 10, 1709, aged 69, leaving a large estate intestate, settled by his widow Elizabeth, March, 1709. He had previously made quite extensive dispositions by deeds to his children.

He m. Elizabeth Wilmarth, dau. of Thomas, Dec. 14, 1664.

His children were: 3rd Gen.

10. JONATHAN, b. Dec. 23, 1665; m. Mary Stevens, Feb. 15, 1687.
11. DAVID, b. Sept. 11, 1667: m. Mary Ormsby, July 15, 1691.
12. DANIEL, b. Aug. 6, 1669; m. Mary —— ——
13. ROBERT, b. June 28, 1671; died July 28, 1671.
14. THOMAS, b. June 28, 1671; m. { Elizabeth Colbey, June 8, 1693. Ann Woodcock. Mary White, Nov. 15, 1722.
15. ROBERT, b. March 2, 1673; m. { Elizabeth Shepardson, Jan. 4, 1699. Mary Titus.
15. NATHANIEL, b. March 1, 1675; m. Ann Butterworth, 1697.
17. ELIZABETH, b. May 12, 1678; m. John Shepardson, April 9, 1694.
18. SARAH, b. April 23, 1680; m. { John Follett. 2nd John Fuller, June 29, 1720.
19. Mary, b. Oct. 1, 1682; m. Stephen Cross Nov. 30, 1703.
20. Noah, b. Feb. 12, 1684; m. Rachel Pidge. Feb. 23, 1711.

4. JOHN FULLER (2) second son of ancestral Robert and Sarah, born in Salem, Mass.. about 1647.

He came with his father Robert, in 1668, to the new settlement in Rehoboth, and was one of its defenders in the Indian war of 1676, losing his life Aug. 23, 1676; leaving a son nearly two years old named John, also Abiel (posthumous).

He m. Abigail Titus, April 25, 1673.

Children: 3rd Gen.

21. JOHN, (3) b. Sept. 8. 1674; m { Joanna Shepardson, Dec. 22, 1701. Sarah Follett, June 29, 1720.
22. ABIEL, b. Dec. 30, 1676

JOHN'S (3) second wife, widow Sarah Follett, was daughter of Jonathan Fuller (2) and had a portion from his estate.

5. SAMUEL FULLER, (2) third son of ancestral Robert and Sarah, born in Salem, Mass., about 1649.

He was captain, and lost his life as did his brother John and brother-in-law Nehemiah Sabin in King Phillip's war, August 15, 1676.

He left one son Samuel, (an infant) who with his cousins John and Abiel were cared for by their grandfather Robert. The farm that Robert afterward gave to his grandson Samuel remained in the family one hundred and sixty years.

Samuel, (2) m. Mary Ide, Dec. 17, 1673, who after his death m. John Redway, Dec. 27, 1677.

Children :

23. SAMUEL, (3) b. Nov. 25, 1675 ; m. Dorothy Wilmarth, Dec. 16, 1701.

An obituary notice of Mrs. Lucy Fuller Armington of the sixth generation of this line, gives in brief a picture of general application :

"The Fuller families from which Mrs. Armington has descended, were of strong Puritanical character ; marked for integrity, industry, a strict regard for truth and justice, accompanied by an affability of manners, both pleasing and of controlling influence".

The foregoing introduction of ROBERT FULLER of Salem, Mass., and his family is a prelude to the Genealogical History of his numerous descendants, designed to be followed out in four distinct LINES from each of his sons, viz :—

THE ROBERT, (1) JONATHAN, (2) LINE.
THE ROBERT, (1) JOHN (2) LINE.
THE ROBERT, (1) SAMUEL (2) LINE.
THE ROBERT, (1) BENJAMIN (2) LINE.

The ROBERT (1) BENJAMIN (2) LINE will receive our first attention on the following pages, and will be divided into BRANCHES from each of Benjamin's sons, viz—Benjamin, John, Ezekiel, Amos, Joshua, Abiel.

Each individual will be *numbered* for identity and easy reference. Red numbers will show Known Heads of Families and the pages where they may be found.

7. BENJAMIN FULLER, (2) youngest son of ancestral Robert and Sarah, born in Salem, Mass., about 1657. His father Robert deeded him land in Rehoboth, at his majority in 1679, and again in 1686, at his marriage, which became his home until his death Jan. 11, 1711.

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His children were:—

24.	BENJAMIN, b. Feb. 25, 1687: m.	Tabatha Wheaton, May 14, 1709. 2nd Lydia ———.	(See 3rd Gen.)
25.	JOHN, ———, 1689: m. Elizabeth ———, res. Rehoboth. Mass.		(")
26.	MARY, ———, 1691: m. Joseph Martin.		
27.	EZEKIEL, b. Feb. 11, 1695: m.	1st Elizabeth ———, d. May 13, 1725 2nd Hannah Thompson.	(")
28.	AMOS, b. Oct. 25, 1699: m. Priscilla Woodworth, June 29, 1721.		(")
29.	JOSHUA, b. May 15, 1701: m.	1st Mercy Knapp, Nov. 26, 1724, d. 1732. 2nd Experience Steadman, Dec. 25, 1734.	(")
30.	ABIEL, b. Sept. 29, 1704: m.	1st Sarah Clossen. 2nd Hannah Porter, Dec. 19, 1732.	(")

All the above children, except JOHN removed to Lebanon, Conn., between the years 1720 and 1726. By date of deeds, JOSEPH MARTIN May 4, 1720; BENJAMIN, June 2, 1720; AMOS, Aug. 31, 1721; JOSHUA, Nov. 5, 1722; EZEKIEL and ABIEL, Sept. 1, 1726.

BENJAMIN was a large land holder; the farm he sold his brother ABIEL in 1726, is still in possession of the same family (1898).

EZEKIEL'S first purchase of land in Lebanon, was from his brother-in-law JOSEPH MARTIN in 1726, upon which he lived till 1744 and then removed to Hebron, Conn., where he died about 1775.

AMOS was 21 years old when he purchased land in Lebanon, Conn., of his brother-in-law JOSEPH MARTIN, a portion of which he deeded to his brother JOSHUA in 1722 and which remained in JOSHUA'S family till 1890 and upon which a house built in 1745, remains in good condition (1898). In 1748, AMOS and his family removed to western Connecticut and New York State.

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7. BENJAMIN FULLER, (2) the youngest son of ancestral Robert and Sarah, according to traditional history, "was a man of retiring habits, whose fixed and high-toned principles, whose manly, ennobling characteristics, were best known to personal and private acquaintance, as they were by himself never paraded.

His family inherited the father's personalities." His youngest son, Abiel, lived in Lebanon, Conn., in active vigor passed his ninetieth year. A neighboring boy (Eleazer Dewey), in intimate relations with the old man, learned from him family history, which he communicated, (in his ninetieth year,) to the writer. His descendants having diffused themselves from the Atlantic to the Pacific, from Canada to the Gulf, we now seek to unify in the family relation of a brotherhood.

THE ROBERT, BENJAMIN LINE.

THIRD GENERATION.

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24. BENJAMIN FULLER, (3) oldest son of Benjamin (2) and Mary, born in Salem, Mass., Feb. 25, 1687. He lived for a time in Salem, Mass., where his sons NATHANIEL and NOAH were born; afterwards in Rehoboth, where his sons BENJAMIN and JEREMIAH were born. In June, 1720, he made his first purchase of land in Lebanon, Conn., of John Smith, and where he and two of his sons lived until his death, Jan., 1752. He and wife became members of the church in North Parish of Lebanon (New Columbia) 1726. His church tax was 3£ 1s. on one list.

He m. Tabatha Wheaton, May 4, 1709. She died 1737.
m. Lydia ——— 1738. She died 1754.

His children were:

31. NATHANIEL, b. Nov. 18, 1710; m. Mary ———. (See 4th Gen.)
32. NOAH, b. ———, 1712.
33. BENJAMIN, b. March 14, 1714; m. Sarah Porter, May 29, 1745. (")
34. JEREMIAH, b. April 25, 1717; m. Bertha Dean, Feb. 24, 1742. (")
35. AMOS, b. April 3, 1721; m. Margaret Phelps, March 3, 1741. (")
36. JOHN, b. Feb. 26, 1723; m. { Mary Decker, Dec. 24, 1755. 2nd Lodema ———. (")
37. HANNAH, b. Feb. 9, 1725; m. Jonathan Berry, Jan. 3, 1751.
38. TIMOTHY, b. July 5, 1727; m. Mary Newell, Jan. 1, 1746. (")
39. MARY, b. ———, 1729.

We find very little of NOAH, except in land and probate records. He administered his father's estate 1752, buying out the rights of his brothers NATHANIEL of Kent, Ct., JEREMIAH of Salsbury, Ct., JOHN of Colchester, Ct., Amos of Hebron, Ct. and sisters HANNAH of Kent, Ct., MARY of Dover, Duchess Co., N. Y.

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